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For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF POLYURETHANES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1) and e(2)

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby makes of record the foreign document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider this document and make it of record in the subject application.

A copy of the foreign document is enclosed herewith. This document is being submitted as a potentially relevant document for the benefit of the Examiner. However, the Applicant notes that this European Patent Application is not *prior art* to the subject application. This European Patent Application published on March 3, 2004 with a filing date of September 17, 2003 and a priority date of September 30, 2002. In contrast, the subject application was filed in the United States on October 19, 2001 and is even entitled to earlier priority.

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application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this IDS was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is due.

In addition to the above, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C. Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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